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THURSDAY
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A ~~very~~ mild day at the office, in the course of which I had a haircut and ministrations from a ~~chiropractor~~ chiropodist.

This afternoon, Herbert L. Matthews of the New York Times came to see me. He is ~~very~~ friendly to France, as is reflected in his editorials. However, he is gravely concerned over the lack of will and cohesion, which has existed so long in French Governments, to enact measures designed to cure some of the fundamental ills of this country. He has just been in Italy, so lacking in economic resources as compared with France, but where the Government has demonstrated, in his opinion, a much stronger sense of its responsibilities.

I had a long talk with Graham Martin about his conversation with Bedell Smith a couple of days ago in Geneva. Bedell wishes to retire as Under Secretary of State on October 1, but thus far no step has been taken to provide a successor to him.

E., Peasie and I went down to spend the night at Versailles.

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